

Counting Crows - Mercury

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Guitar 1 is an acoustic, tuned to open Eb (Eb Bb Eb G Bb Eb)
 Guitar 2 is a mandolin, tuned down 1/2 step (Gb Db Ab Eb)

Note: Watch the time signature here. The main riff is in 14/8, which

I think of as a measure of 6 followed by a measure of 8 (as I indicate below). But, the rest of the song is in 8/8, and the

shifts from 14/8 to 8/8 and back again are subtle.

Intro: and main riff:

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| |-----0-----|-----0-----|
| |-----0--2/3\2-|-----0-----|
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| 8|-----2/3\2-|-0-----| is played with a slide)

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| |-----2/3\2-|-0-----|
| |--0-----|-0-----0-----|
    (6/8)           (8/8)
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Verse: (guitar 1 plays main riff over Eb)

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| |/5-----5-----|
| |/5--5-----5-----|
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| |/5-----5-----|
| |/5-----5-----|
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Eb
 She is trapped inside a month of grey
 And they take a little every day

Ab
 She is a victim of her own responses

Eb
 Shackled to a heart that wants to settle
 And the runs away

Chorus:

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      Bb                Ab
| |/7-----7-----|/5-----5-----|
| |/7--7-----7-----|/5--5-----5-----|
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| |/7-----7-----|/5-----5-----|
| |/7-----7-----|/5-----5-----|
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Bb **Ab**
 It's a sin to be fading endlessly
 Yeah, but she's alright with me **Eb** (guitar 1 plays main riff)

She is leaving on a walkaway
 She is leaving me in disarray
 In the absence of a place to be
 She stands there looking back at me
 Hesitates, and then turns away
 She'll change so suddenly
 She's just like mercury
 Yeah, but she's alright with me

Bridge:

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|/12--|
|/12--|
|/12--| Guitar 1 plays this at the end of the chorus, and then
|/12--| plays the main riff over the bridge
|/12--|
|/12--|
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(Guitar 1 plays last 8/14 of main riff once)

Keep some sorrow in your
 hearts and minds
 For the things that die before their time
 For the restlessly abandoned homes
 The tired and weary rambler's bones
 And stay beside me where I lie
 She's entwined in me
 Crazy as can be
 Yeah, but she's alright with me

Acordes

